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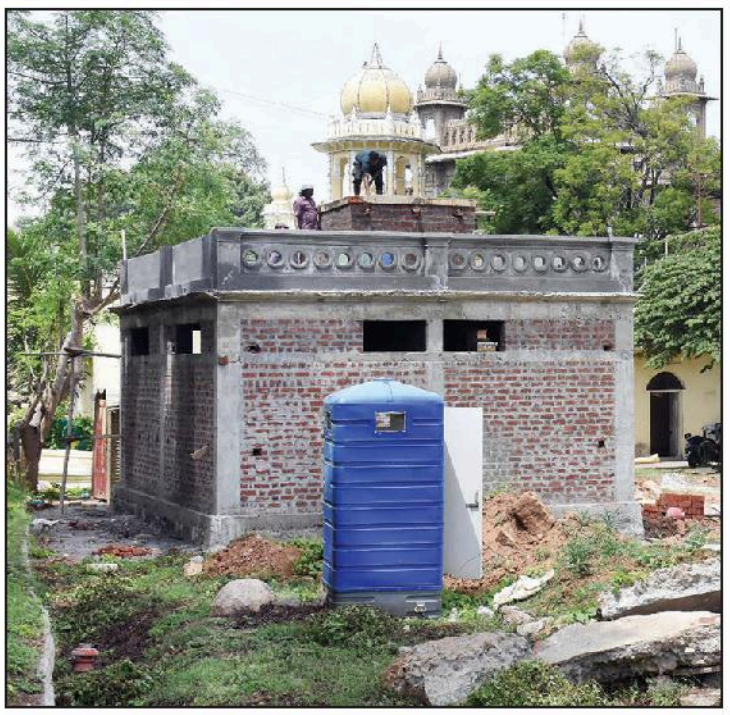
Preparations at Palace to house Dasara elephants

Works on elephant shelters, sheds for Mahouts and Kavadis, permanent toilets underway



Workers engaged in erecting temporary shelters near Balarama Gate of Mysore Palace this morning. Pic. right shows toilets under construction at Palace premises.

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (BLU, MTY, KS&BCT)- Preparations are in full swing at the Mysore Palace premises ahead of the arrival of the Dasara elephants. The jumbos will camp here for approximately two months, undergoing training and consuming nutritious food, till the grand *Jumboo Savari.* Dasara festival will be held from Oct. 15 to 24.

While the first batch of nine elephants will arrive at the Palace on Sept. 4 after *Gajapayana* from Veeranahosahalli on Sept. 1, the second batch of five elephants will arrive subsequently, taking the total number of elephants to 14 this year. The Forest Department intends to release the second list of five elephants either on Aug. 28 or Sept. 1.

After the jumbos are shifted from Veeranahosahalli to Mysuru in trucks, they will stay at the Aranya Bhavan till their arrival at the Palace on Sept. 4 where they will be accorded a traditional welcome.

(See PALACE on page 6)

Concrete barricades laid to curb toll evasion on Expressway

With barriers at entry, exit points, vehicles have no alternative but to reach Toll Plaza

Srirangapatna, Aug. 22 (Vinay Karekura & BCT)- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has initiated a proactive solution to address the escalating issue of toll evasion on the Access Controlled Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway.

This is being accomplished through the installation of concrete barricades at various entry and exit points along the service roads and the main carriageway.

Since the commencement of toll collection at three Toll Plazas located in Gananguru (Srirangapatna taluk), Sheshagirihalli (Ramanagara) and Kaniminike (Bidadi), a persistent problem has emerged.

(See BARRICADES on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 22nd August 2023

Coorg Public School excels in various competitions

Mysuru, Aug. 22- The students of Coorg Public School (COPS), Gonikoppal, Kodagu, have emerged winners in various competitions held during the first week of August.

Vedika Bojamma, a Grade 1 student of COPS, participated in the All-Karnataka Poetry Recitation Competition conducted by KISA (Karnataka ICSE Schools Association) and stood 1st in the State.

Vedika Bojamma

The following students of COPS have won prizes in various competitions organised by Lions High School, Gonikoppal, on account of Independence Day celebrations:

Patriotic Song: Gyana U. Kalkur (X std.) - 1st place; Anika Nandish (I PUC) - 1st; L. Tanushree (II PUC) - 3rd; C.P. Ayaan Devaiah (II std.) - 3rd.

English Elocution: B.I. Samarth Ponnappa (IV std.) - 2nd; M. Niyati Kalaiah (IX std.) - 2nd; K. Gayatri Kaveriappa (II PUC) - 2nd; Mathanda Lia Chengappa (III std.) - 3rd; Amrutha Poovamma (I PUC) - 3rd; Trisha Somaiah (VIII std.) - Consolation Prize.

Kannada Elocution: K.B. Dechakka (X std.) - 2nd; Pranjal Somanna Ajjamada (I PUC) - 2nd; N.P. Pradhyoth Kiran (III std.) - 3rd.

Students who bagged prizes in the Taluk-Level Inter School Elocution and Debate Competition held in memory of late Kakamada N. Nanaiah at Appachakavi Vidyalaya on Aug. 8 are as follows:

Kannada Elocution: B.M. Aaradhya Shetty (V std.) - 2nd.

English Debate: Aanchal Pooja (X std.) - 2nd.

Kannada Debate: K.K. Adya (IX std.) - 2nd; T.C. Shringa (X std.) - 3rd.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

While the schemes (free schemes of Karnataka Congress) add up to a chunk of expenditure for the Government, they don't put much new money in the hands of people. The total bill is large because there are so many poor people, not because each of them is getting a lot from these schemes. Every little bit helps, of course, especially if one is very poor. But these funds are not going to change the fundamental reality of deep poverty that millions of people face.

Giving money to the poor is half the answer. The other half, which is equally important, is to empower them in ways that reduce their risk of poverty in the future. The two biggest line items to achieve this are education and health. Better schooling, in particular, can create a more productive workforce in 10 years, and fire up the economy. We're still under-investing in this. That sets us up for a long stint of subsidy payments, rather than a path out of poverty.

If politics has turned into a contest to see which party can give the public more, that's not such a bad thing. In a sense, that's what the politicians were supposed to do in the first place. For the longest time, they've been getting by with handing out just a little. Now the promises are bigger, and so are the bills to keep them. This is only the beginning of a new chapter. —*Ashwin Mahesh, Social Technologist and Entrepreneur, in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

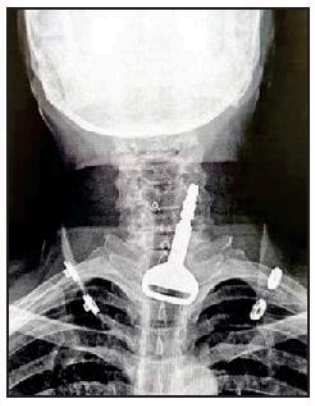
Woman turns apartment into a bird hospital

Mexico City: Catia Lattouf de Arída has been using her apartment in Mexico City as a hospital and sanctuary for injured and abandoned hummingbirds for the last 11 years.

As pollinating agents, hummingbirds are a very important part of Mexico's ecosystem, but because of the ever-expanding urban landscape, they face all sorts of serious threats. That's where 73-year-old Catia Lattouf de Arída comes in.

As a self-taught hummingbird caretaker, she dedicates most of her free time and resources to nursing the tiny birds back to health or at least providing the necessary palliative care to ensure an easy, dignified passing. She has been doing it for over a decade and her home in Mexico City has become known as a hummingbird hospital.

Man almost died after swallowing key



Al Qunfudah: A Saudi man had to undergo laparoscopic surgery to unblock his airway after he accidentally swallowed his car key while playing with it.

A medical team at a hospital in Saudi Arabia's coastal Al Qunfudah governorate has been praised for saving a man's life by extracting his car key from his respiratory tract.

Just how the 49-year-old man managed to swallow his own car key is still unclear, but most Middle Eastern news sources claim that he was 'playing' with it. That doesn't really explain much as we can't even begin to picture how he was playing with the car key if he ended up swallowing it, but the important thing is that the driver didn't choke to death and even managed to recover his car key.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Thyroid problems cause decreased fertility, increased risk of abortions, affects baby's growth and development. Get your thyroid hormone levels checked before planning pregnancy

Dr. Amulya K.G - Consultant - Obstetrics and Gynecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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Wins prizes in singing

Mysuru, Aug. 22- Agasthya Iyengar, a 2nd standard student of St. Joseph's Central School, Yelwal, has won 1st prize in Light Music and 2nd prize in Film Hits singing in the Inter-School Music Competition organised by the Rotary Mysore Brindavan School under its 'Raaga Rotary' programme recently.

Son of N.R. Raghavendra Prasad and J.S. Srinandini, both Software Engineers by profession and residents of Yelwal, Agasthya is learning music under Guru Vidwan Bellary M. Raghavendra.

Agasthya Iyengar

Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 Cricket Tournament

TODAY'S MATCHES (AUG. 22)

- **Hubli Tigers** Vs **Bengaluru Blasters** — **1.00 pm**
- **Mysore Warriors** Vs **Shivamogga Lions** — **5.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCHES (AUG. 23)

- **Hubli Tigers vs Gulbarga Mystics** — **1.00 pm**
- **Mangalore Dragons vs Mysore Warriors** — **5.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS (AUG. 21)

Gulbarga Mystics 126/1 (12.4 Overs) Beat
Shivamogga Lions 121 (17.4 Overs)

Mangalore Dragons 171/7 (20 Overs) Beat
Bengaluru Blasters 140/9 (20 Overs)

VENUE: **M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru**

NOTE: Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20-2023 will be telecast live on *Star Sports 2* and *Star Sports 1 Kannada TV* channels in India. Live streaming will be available on the *FanCode app*.

REALLY...?

- ***Galapagos tortoises can live for over 150 years.***
- ***Zebras have black skin under their stripes.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

*Q: **Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?***
*A: **The "C"!***

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.07
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 106.20
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.62
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.68

VOICE OF THE READER

Dirty spot in clean city

Sir,

This photo was taken next to a Mosque on Akbar Road Cross, Lashkar Mohalla. The stench emanating from this place is such that it is impossible to pray with concentration and peace.

During mango season, all rotten mangoes are dumped here by shop-keepers. And when it rains, imagine the slush and stink. Stray cattle and dogs are having a whale of a time here. Pity the residents 'living' in and around this spot.

I have met the Mysuru City Corporation officials of the concerned Zone several times to find a permanent solution, but to no avail. Careless residents and shop-keepers of the area who have no sense of hygiene are also to be blamed for this pathetic state of affairs.

It is the civic body's duty to keep the streets clean and to see that the citizens' health is not put to danger. When you pass by such areas, one wonders how Mysuru is one of the cleanest cities in India!

A good solution to control the rot here is to fence this area with brick walls and also trace the owner of this vacant site to do that. There are several such dirty spots in Mysuru. For decades they have continued to exist and there is no serious effort to find lasting solutions. Hope the new MCC Commissioner will take action as soon as possible.

—Mubasher Mirza
Bannimantap 'B' Layout
13.8.2023

Soon, you can pay for power in prepaid mode

Smart meters work like mobile phone prepaid scheme

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (BLU&BCT)- In the coming months, the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) is poised to commence the deployment of prepaid smart electricity meters within its jurisdiction under the National Smart Grid Mission (NSGM) and Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS). This initiative follows an advisory from the Ministry of Power that prioritises the installation of such meters.

Upon installation, the inconvenience of queuing to pay electricity bills will become a thing of the past. The era of receiving monthly bills and appointing meter readers for usage assessments will be replaced by this new approach. This method draws inspiration from prepaid mobile currency charges, effectively introducing a prepaid electricity usage system that eradicates concerns about meter precision.

Under this emerging system, consumers can pro-actively make payments for their anticipated electricity consumption, offering an efficient method to manage their energy usage. Additionally, the necessity for annual deposits is eliminated.

The inception of the prepaid smart electricity metering system has been initiated by the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission's (KERC) smart meter assessment policy for 2023, which was activated on Aug. 4. This directive propels the integration of prepaid smart meters.

How does the system work?

Prepaid smart meters are versatile and applicable not only in residences but also in factories and pumpsets — essentially any scenario involving electricity consumption. Differing from the conventional monthly billing model that hinges on meter reader visits, the prepaid smart electricity meter operates akin to mobile prepaid charging.

Similar to topping up mobile credit in advance, individuals can prepay for their desired electricity quantum. This empowerment enables customers to manage their energy expenses according to their requirements.

Customers can replenish their electricity balance as needed, with notifications dispatched to their linked mobile numbers throughout the recharge process. These notifications serve as reminders to recharge before the current balance is depleted. Upon successfully recharging their electricity usage, customers receive a mobile notification confirming the transaction's completion.

Picture for representation only.

Pay as per use

This system ensures customers only pay for the precise amount of electricity they intend to consume, fostering awareness of their consumption patterns. This, in turn, encourages responsible usage. Smart meters are instrumental not only in enhancing efficiency but also in curbing losses. Through bidirectional communication, personnel can remotely assess meter status, record readings and perform remote power re-connections or disconnections.

In contrast to the prevailing system where bill non-payment leads to disconnection, prepaid smart electricity meters guarantee uninterrupted service, even in cases of overdue bills. The charging process is linked to electricity access. Furthermore, this new system addresses concerns regarding defects in traditional meters that lead to inaccurate billing.

Consider a household consuming Rs. 1,500 worth of electricity monthly. In such cases, they will receive a bill within this range. By prepaying the amount, they will receive usage updates via SMS. Unlike cellular providers, power will not be abruptly cut off upon exhausting the recharged amount. Instead, a grace period is afforded for account replenishment, ensuring continued electricity supply, officials noted.

100 households tested

The implementation of prepaid smart electricity meters has successfully undergone testing in pilot projects, involving 100 households in Mysuru and Bengaluru as test-beds. The decision to install prepaid smart electricity meters has been announced based on the smooth implementation and absence of issues.

Citizens have been granted a 30-day window to share feedback and opinions with the KERC. The potential scope of this transition is substantial, given the extensive consumer base of 3.2 million within the CESC jurisdiction.

The substantial revenue, amounting to Rs. 9,108 crore, previously collected from consumer deposits, will now be reallocated for installation of prepaid smart meters. Moreover, the upfront fee for new electricity meter installations has been waived, offering a convenient avenue for those interested in adopting this new system.

It is important to note that while KERC has not made the prepaid meter mandatory, it stands as an innovative option for consumers.

Appointed to Rules Committee of Assembly

Bengaluru, Aug. 22- Mysuru MLAs G.D. Harish Gowda (Hunsur) of the JD(S) and T.S. Srivatsa (Krishnaraja) of the BJP are among the Legislators who are nominated to the Rules and By-Laws Committee of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly.

Harish Gowda

T.S. Srivatsa

The Committee is headed by Congress MLA from Afzalpur M.Y. Patil. The other Legislators who are nominated as members of the Committee are MLAs Darshan Puttannaiah, S. Raghu, Raja Venkatappa Nayak, Srinivas Maane, T. Raghumurthy, Rameshbabu Bandisiddegowda, B. Suresh Gowda, K.Y. Nanjegowda, Vittal Halagekar, A. Kirankumar Kodgi, C.K. Ramamurthy and Rajegowda, MLCs Madhu G. Madegowda, N. Ravikumar, K.P. Nanjundi Vishwakarma and Sunilgouda Patil.

Coaching Classes for IAS and KAS exams

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (SSM)- Krishik Sarvodaya Foundation has invited applications from eligible candidates for admission to UPSC (IAS) and KPSC (KAS) exams coaching classes.

The coaching will be conducted from Aug. 30.

However, the orientation programme for the same will be held from Aug. 23 to Aug. 29 at the Foundation Office located on Gen. K.S. Thimmaiah Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage. There will be accommodation facility for needy students. For details, e-mail: *ksf.mysorebranch@gmail.com* or call Ph: 0821-2301564 or Mob: 99457-52592.

Beneficial to all, ensures transparency

The initiative is commendable and will prevent electricity pilferage. Illegal connections can be avoided and there will be transparency in the system. Consumers have the advantage of using power as per their family needs and also industrial needs. This will benefit them as they do not need to pay a whopping bill at the end of every billing cycle."

— Prabhakar, former member of KERC Suggestions Committee

Prepaid meter system is a result of protests and struggles by industrialists and entrepreneurs for a long time. The industries have shelled out crores of rupees in the form of deposits and power supply companies give a paltry 4.5 percent interest for the deposits. If the smart meter system comes into force, the deposit money will be returned and there is no need of paying deposits annually.

— Suresh Kumar Jain, General Secretary, Mysuru Industries Association

NEWS BRIEFS

Teacher's Seminar

Pushpashrama - Institute of Philosophy and Religion has organised a (Training the Trainer Seminar) Teacher's Seminar at its premises in R.S. Naidu Nagar on Aug. 26 from 9 am to 1 pm on the theme 'The Dynamics Of Interpersonal Relationship In Education.' Excellent speakers of international fame like Dr. Asha P. Pathrose, Dr. N.N. Prahallada and Dr. K. Yeshodhara will attend the seminar. A certificate of participation will be issued to those who register their names before Aug. 23 via WhatsApp on 98806-99068 or 73386-22073.

Competitive exam training

Netaji Carrier Academy, Mysuru, will be conducting three-month coaching classes for FDA, SDA and PDO examinations conducted by the State Government. Interested may register their names by visiting Netaji Education Foundation at No. 400, 'Athreya', Krishna Vilas Road, near Jaganmohan Palace, opposite Avila Convent, Devaraja Mohalla in city. For details, contact Mob: 63641-16745 or Ph: 0821-3553964.

Upakarma

Brahmana Dharma Sahaya Sabha, Mysuru, under the guidance of Krishnaswamy Shastri and Srinath Shastri, has organised Rigveda Upakarma on Aug. 29 and Yajur Upakarma on Aug. 30 for Thrimathastha Brahmins at Kalyana Bhavan, Thyagaraja Road, K.R. Mohalla, in city at 6.30 am. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2446498 during the office hours from 9.30 am to 1 pm and from 5 pm to 8 pm.

WATER LEVEL

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KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2276.40 feet
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Outflow	:	4,825 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,858.50 feet
Inflow	:	1,310 cusecs
Outflow	:	2,100 cusecs

Keep rowdies under check with strict action: ADGP

Review meetings of crime cases conducted at both City and District Police Offices

ADGP (Law & Order) R. Hithendra (centre) holding a review meeting of crime cases at the Conference Hall of the City Police Commissioner's Office at Nazarbad in Mysuru yesterday. Others seen are (from left) in-Charge DCP (CAR) A. Maruthi, City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh, DCP (Law & Order) M. Muthuraj and DCP (Crime & Traffic) S. Jahnavi.

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (RK&BS)- Additional Director General of Police (ADGP - Law and Order) R. Hithendra has instructed the Police to leave no stone unturned to curb rowdy related activities in the City and District Police limits.

ADGP Hithendra gave strict instructions during the review meeting of crime cases, organised at the Conference Hall of the City Police Commissioner's Office at Nazarbad in the city yesterday. He said: "The investigation related to pending cases should be completed and solved at the earliest. Keep a tab on rowdy activities and bring them under control.

The witnesses in rowdy related cases should be assured of safety and see to it that, the accused gets adequate punishment by investigating the case and submitting a charge sheet to the Court. The rowdies involved in repeat offences should not get bail."

The activities like real estate, money lending and other illegal activities creating an atmosphere of fear and petty rowdy activities should be curtailed, along with ensuring that wings of anti-social elements are clipped, as such activities should not snatch the peace of innocent people.

Lend ears to the oppressed who knock on the door of Police Stations seeking solution for their woes. They should be given a patient hearing and take action on their petition or complaint only after being convinced about the rationale behind the facts, without coming under any undue influence and save the real culprit from being brought to book, advised ADGP Hithendra.

By effectively implementing people-friendly Policing, the negative impression among the public on Police should be eradicated. But, it doesn't mean we should hobnob with anti-social elements and criminals. We are responsible to save the lives and properties of the people, said ADGP Hithendra in his advise to Police. The night and morning beats should be strengthened further, to take precautionary measures and prevent any untoward incidents by keeping an eye on the happenings around, so that law and orderliness is maintained by protecting the people, said Hithendra.

The meeting was held from 11 am to 1 pm and was attended by City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh, DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj, DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi, in-Charge DCP (CAR) A. Maruthi, ACPs of all Sub-Divisions and Inspectors of all the Police Stations.

Later in the afternoon, a similar meeting was conducted at SP Office Auditorium, that was attended by District Police Officers.

ADGP Hithendra visited Mysuru South Police Station at Nazarbad on inspection. After staying overnight in Mysuru, the ADGP left for Chamarajanagar district on inspection visit this morning, it is said.

Visits Alanahalli Police Station

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP - Law and Order) R. Hithendra interacting with the Police personnel at Alanahalli Police Station in Mysuru last evening, as DIGP (Southern Range) Dr. M.B. Boralingaiah and other Police Officers look on.

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (RK&BS)- ADGP (Law and Order) R. Hithendra also visited the newly built Alanahalli Police Station building here last evening and inspected the facilities in place.

ADGP collected information related to the status of investigation of crime cases and style of functioning of Police from Inspector G.N. Srikanth.

The visiting Officer, who also heard the grievances of the Police personnel, instructed them to be alert about any untoward incidents in their Station's limits, to check any threat to the law and order. "When the public walk into the Station, they should be given a patient hearing and helped within the ambit of law. The anti-social elements who create trouble by indulging in unfair practices, cheating and instigating clashes should not be supported at any cost and the victims should be ensured of justice, bringing a good name to the Department by upholding the spirit of duty, added the ADGP.

Obituary

Mantelingaiah

Mysuru, Aug. 22- Mantelingaiah (75), a social activist and a resident of North-East of N.R. Mohalla, passed away at his residence here last evening.

He leaves behind his family members and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held in city this afternoon, according to sources.

Eranna

Eranna (65), a resident of Paduvarahalli, passed away following a heart attack yesterday morning in city.

He leaves behind his wife Sudha, son Vijayakumar, daughters Asha and Ashwathi and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam, according to family sources.

Gurukar S. Puttabuddhi

Gurukar S. Puttabuddhi (88), an industrialist and a resident of Century Park, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram this afternoon, according to family sources.

135-km Road, 119 Circles to be illuminated this Dasara

Short-term tenders worth Rs. 6.3 crore floated; Bidders to come up with innovative ideas

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Aug. 22- The culturally rich city of Mysuru is gearing up to shine brightly with dazzling decorative lighting as it prepares to celebrate the Dasara festival with enthusiasm. Known for its grandeur, this year's festival will see the city adorned with illuminations that will mesmerise onlookers and fill their hearts with warmth.

The Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) is set to illuminate a stretch of 135 kilometres of roads and 119 Circles, having meticulously planned to illuminate the city in all its splendour. The decision to elevate the pomp of the *Nada Habba* (festival) this year has led to an extension of the decorative lighting throughout the *Navaratri* period, promising a spectacle that will captivate both residents and visitors alike.

This year's festivities will be particularly special as Mysuru is the hometown of Chief Minister Siddharamaiah. The captivating displays will adorn the cityscape from 6.30 pm to 6.30 am during the *Navaratri* period, spanning from Oct. 15 to 24, CESC Superintending Engineer A. Sunil Kumar told *Star of Mysore*.

In addition to lighting up the 135-kilometre road, prominent Circles and iconic venues such as Doddakere Maidan, K.R. Circle, Chamaraja Circle, Jayachamaraja Circle (Hardinge Circle), Ramanuja Circle, the area around the Railway Station, Manasagangothri, LIC Circle at Bannimantap and more than 30 huge structures at key locations will be carefully selected to host an array of enchanting decorative lights.

The radiant illumination will also encompass Government buildings, with a variety of dazzling decorative lights gracing these structures.

The historical and contemporary District Administrative buildings, Mysuru City Corporation building, Crawford Hall of the University of Mysore, MUDA (Mysuru Urban Development Authority) headquarters, CADA (Command Area Development Authority - Cauvery) officers' quarters, City Railway Station, Maharaja's College and various other Government edifices will gleam brilliantly with festive lights.

15-section tenders

This extensive decorative lighting project comes at a total cost of Rs. 6.3 crore, with the tender process divided into 15 sections (short-term tenders), promoting active online participation from bidders.

The tender specifications encompass a wide range of tasks, with values ranging from Rs. 23 lakh to Rs. 60.62 lakh. Departing from tradition, this year's installations feature new designs and innovations, responding to the public's desire for a refreshing change. "The tenders have been divided to encourage different bidders, resulting in a variety of themes and structures," added Sunil Kumar.

Unique serial lighting this year

For the past five to six years, the same type of serial lights has been used without any innovation. However, this time, there's a directive from the District Minister to showcase innovative lighting and serial lights to provide visitors with something new. This requirement has been incorporated into the tenders, urging bidders to bring forward their creative ideas. Moreover, the use of cheap Chinese illumination sets and serial lights will not be permitted this time.

—A. Sunil Kumar,
Superintending Engineer,
Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation

PM POSHAN nutritious food programme launched

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (DM)- District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa launched the District level PM POSHAN (Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman), a Centrally sponsored scheme, by distributing Eggs, Bananas and Groundnut Chikkis to students at Maharaja's Government High School on JLB Road here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mahadevappa said that every citizen of the country should be physically and mentally healthy for the progress of the country. Noting that the scheme was earlier known as 'National Programme for Mid-Day Meal in Schools', he said this scheme covers all students from Class 1 to 10.

Recalling his childhood days when he often found it difficult to get three-square meals a day, the Minister said that he used to have Rice Balls with Salt and Chillies.

Asserting that no one should be hungry, he said that the State Government was committed to make Karnataka a hunger-free State.

Pointing out that last year, students from Class 1 to 8 were provided Eggs, Bananas and Groundnut Chikkis, he said now the scheme has been extended to 10th standard from this academic year.

Stating that under the scheme, the students will be provided this nutrient-rich food for 80 days a year, he said that the scheme covers as many as 2,328 schools in the district, including 2,064 Government, 258 aided and 6 Maulana Azad Model schools.

Pointing out that a total of 2,12,646 students including 1,65,794 Government School and 46,852 unaided school students are covered under the scheme, Dr. Mahadevappa said that these students will be provided nutrient-rich food for 2 days a week.

The Government is spending Rs. 480 on each student, he said adding that the State Government has set aside Rs. 10.2 crore annually for the scheme.

Maintaining that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar advocated an educational policy where everyone should get a scientific and logical education, the Minister said that the youth community should live a life sans any confusions regarding religion, castes and communities.

He also called upon the teachers to teach skills to students so that they can build a useful and occupied life along with their academics.

MLA Tanveer Sait, MLCs Marithibbegowda and C.N. Manjegowda and other officials were present on the occasion.

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Of Stories, Histories and Nations

By Ravi Joshi
Formerly in the Cabinet Secretariat

We all live by stories, stories told by others and stories that we tell ourselves and to others. Stories are the medium through which we relate to reality. When we talk of reality, we get into facts, those objects we perceive through our sensory organs and that which is independent of our mind and imagination.

And stories give us joy, cheer us and are a source of happiness. They also cause grief and could be a source of misery. Stories give meaning to our lives; at times they elevate us by giving us a higher objective and a goal in life. Valmiki Ramayana and Vyasa Mahabharata are also stories but have acquired a position of sanctity, the sacred texts in contrast to secular literature.

Our mind constantly seeks cogency and an ordered universe, hence the need for stories. Give a man three facts and he will build a narrative around it, a story that seems plausible and even credible. **Journalists** belong to that profession. **Historians** are a notch higher. They build stories around dead facts, bring them to life and influence the way you look at present facts. The more plausible and credible historians create a dominant narrative for a community and provide a 'collective imagination' that unites a people and gives them a common identity.

Talking about **imagination,** it may be useful to quote Benedict Anderson's famous definition of nation as an 'imagined community': *"It is an imagined political community — and imagined as both inherently limited and sovereign."* It is important to note here that Anderson calls it a **'political community'** as distinct from a **'civil society.'** More about that later.

It would be useful to look at another definition provided by Prof. Ernest Gellner of Cambridge University who rules that ***"Nationalism is not the awakening of a nation to self-consciousness: it invents nations where they do not exist."*** The contrast between the view of Anderson and Gellner is that while the former posits nationhood to 'imagining and 'creation,' the latter is keen to show that 'nationalism' masquerades under false pretences and he equates 'invention' to fabrication and falsity. In this way, he implies that 'true' communities exist which can be advantageously juxtaposed to nations. In fact, all communities larger than primordial villages of face-to-face contact, where everyone knew everyone else, are imagined communities, says Anderson.

As to how this **collective imagination is formed,** Anderson suggests that it was the invention of the printing press in 1450 by Johannes Gutenberg and the first edition of the printed Bible was central to it. 'It has been estimated that in the 40-odd years between the publication of the Gutenberg Bible and the close of the fifteenth century, more than 20 million printed volumes were produced in Europe. From the year 1500 to 1600, the number of books printed reached between 150 - 200 million. **In a sense, the book was the first modern-style mass-produced industrial product.**

Next comes the **newspaper** — 'merely an extreme form of the book, a book sold on a colossal scale but of ephemeral popularity. Anderson adds insightfully that *"the obsolescence of the newspaper on the morrow of its printing… creates this extra-ordinary mass ceremony: the almost precisely simultaneous consumption, 'imagining' of the newspaper-as-fiction. We know that morning and evening editions will overwhelmingly be consumed between this hour and that, only on this day, not that. Yet each communicant understands the ceremony that he performs is being replicated simultaneously by thousands or millions of others whose existence he is confident, yet whose identity he has not the slightest notion."*

Furthermore, this ceremony is incessantly repeated at daily intervals throughout the year across the length and breadth of the State or the country. *"What more vivid figure for the secular, historically clocked imagined community can be envisioned,"* queries Anderson.

Today, newspapers are replaced by **TV and digital news** channels where hundreds of millions consume the events of the day that either reinforce their collective imagination or fragment them. The latest invention, social media, is a different platform where millions 'participate not only as consumers of knowledge but also as producers.' This creates new challenges to the way knowledge is consumed or shared or 'imagined' in a community. Knowledge is no longer coming from one centralised source or not even from a dozen recognisable sources but thousands or millions of sources, whose identity and reliability are unknown and that fragments our perception of reality. **Knowledge becomes chaotic. Truth viewed from thousands of multi-faceted angles merely becomes diverse narratives or mere opinions.** You take your pick, the one that fits with your biases. Facts do not matter anymore or do they?

There is another school that builds stories without any facts. They don't need facts. They consider all facts as opinions, as a narrative of a particular story-teller. Here we are treading on a slippery path.

Bertrand Russel, who as a young scholar always sought a Science that was not based on assumptions, finally concluded that Mathematics is the most accurate Science. Later, he found that even in Mathematics he must start with certain assumptions as a given. Otherwise, he could not proceed further. **This is probably the ultimate limitation of a finite mind seeking answers from an infinite universe.**

But if basic assumptions lead us to knowledge that can be subsequently verified and proven correct, like Einstein's theories, then the assumptions too are valid. So, we proceed, by picking up empirically verifiable facts, **on a journey to understand who we are, where we are and where do we go from here.** This applies in the physical world as it does in the social and political worlds too.

By constantly questioning and verifying our **information** and **assumptions** on the hard rock of facts, we may still be able to navigate our way in this post-Truth world.

NOTE: *If Science and Mathematics must start with certain assumptions to proceed further, why not Theology start with the assumption there is a spiritual power and God? In Theology, unfortunately, despite many prophets and enlightened masters like Buddha and Mahaveer, the assumption about spiritual power or God DOES NOT lead us to knowledge that can be subsequently verified like it happened in the case of Einstein's Theory of Relativity which was proven correct. No wonder Einstein himself was an agnostic while his friend 'Father of Atom Bomb'* Oppenheimer *was an atheist.* — **KBG**

Preparations at Palace to house Dasara elephants

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While there are already shelters for the elephants including Howdah (Ambari) elephant Abhimanyu, more shelters are being constructed near the Balarama Gate to house new elephants. The construction of over 40 sheds to accommodate Mahouts, Kavadis and their families, who will be accompanying the elephants, has also commenced.

Usually, tent-like toilets are built for the families of Mahouts and Kavadis. However, this year, the toilet complex inside the Palace near the elephant shelters has been renovated. These places had become dirty and sheltered snakes and scorpions. These toilets have now been given a facelift and new permanent toilets have also been constructed as a permanent solution.

Vikrama *Kaveri* *Chaitra*

No Vikrama, Kaveri and Chaitra this year

Meanwhile, elephants Vikrama and Chaitra, usually part of the *Jumboo Savari,* will not be participating this year. Chaitra, a 50-year-old Kumki elephant from Rampura Elephant Camp in Bandipur, has been confirmed as pregnant through a mandatory pregnancy test.

Similarly, 59-year-old Vikrama of Harangi Camp is exhibiting signs of musth, a period of heightened aggressiveness in male elephants. Additionally, the 46-year-old Kumki elephant Kaveri from Dubare Elephant Camp, initially showing potential signs of pregnancy, did not make it to the first list of Dasara elephants. Subsequent tests confirmed her non-pregnant status. In past years, Vikrama has faced issues during the *Jumboo Savari* due to musth-related behaviour. This year, he has again demonstrated signs of musth, leading to his exclusion.

Chaitra, previously a Kumki Elephant from Rampura Camp, is renowned for her gentle nature. She participated in Jumboo Savari and gained appreciation for her demeanour. Chaitra is set to give birth to her 14th calf after participating in the event for a decade. To address previous concerns and controversies, pregnancy tests are now mandatory for all female elephants selected for Dasara festivities. These tests aim to ensure that pregnant elephants are not included in the event.

Chance for Hiranya and Lakshmi

With Vikrama's musth condition, he won't be participating this year, having missed the last two years as well due to similar issues. There's a possibility that if he is in good condition next year, he may assume the role of 'Nishane' Elephant. Kaveri, from Dubare camp, is doubtful for this year's Dasara due to her ailments.

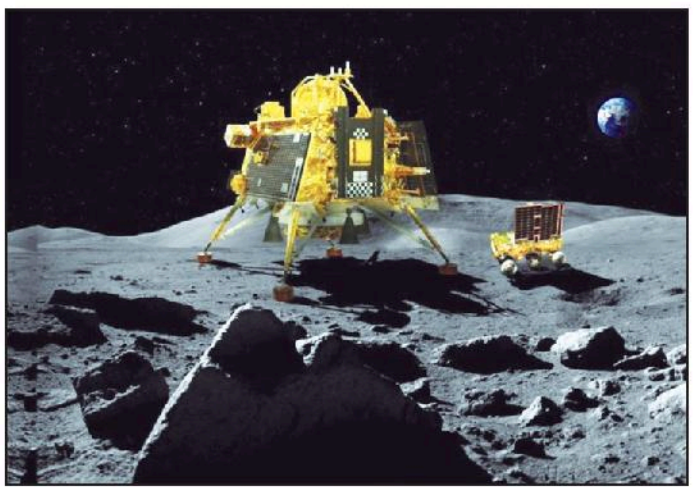
Considering these developments, senior female elephants 64-year-old Vijaya and 67-year-old Varalakshmi are likely to take on the role of Kumki elephants this year, walking alongside the Howdah elephant Abhimanyu.

Additionally, two other female elephants, 35-year-old Hiranya from Rampura Camp and 52-year-old Lakshmi from Dodda Harave Camp, are expected to be part of the event, offering new opportunities.

Chandrayaan-3 soft landing on moon tomorrow at 6.04 pm

Live streaming on ISRO website, YouTube channel, Facebook page, DD National from 5.27 pm

Bengaluru, Aug. 22 (Agencies)- India's Chandrayaan-3 is poised to make history by attempting a soft landing of the Vikram Lander, carrying the Pragyaan rover, near the moon's south pole on Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 6.04 pm. The final intense twenty minutes of its journey are likened to 'twenty minutes of terror'.



Following a majestic liftoff, the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) Mark-3 rocket, also known as the Bahubali launch vehicle, successfully placed Chandrayaan-3 into orbit.

Chandrayaan-3 followed a series of elliptical orbits around Earth, gaining velocity.

On Aug. 1, Chandrayaan-3 was directed toward the moon for its 3,84,000-kilometre journey. By Aug. 5, the Chandrayaan-3 satellite elegantly entered the moon's orbit and achieved stability. During its time in lunar orbit, Chandrayaan-3 underwent a period of stabilisation.

In a critical and complex manoeuvre on Aug. 17, the propulsion module separated from the Vikram lander, with the Pragyaan rover, while the satellite was in a 153 km by 163 km orbit.

The propulsion module continued its orbit around the moon in a 153 km by 163 km trajectory.

Meanwhile, the Vikram lander gradually approached the lunar surface in a 134 km by 25 km elliptical orbit, setting the stage for the powered descent. Up to this point, this process had been executed successfully during Chandrayaan-2.

ISRO announced that space enthusiasts worldwide can witness the Chandrayaan-3 landing live at 6.04 pm on the official ISRO website, official YouTube channel, ISRO's Facebook page, and DD National, starting from 5.27 pm.

Tomorrow, following commands from Bengaluru, the Vikram lander will initiate its descent towards the lunar surface from an altitude of 25 km. During the powered descent, the Vikram lander will accelerate toward the moon's surface at a speed of 1.68 km per second, roughly equivalent to 6,048 km per hour, nearly ten times the velocity of an aeroplane.

The Vikram lander will then decelerate as all its engines fire, although the lander will remain almost horizontal to the lunar surface. This phase, known as the rough braking phase, lasts for approximately 11 minutes. Through a series of manoeuvres, the Vikram lander will become vertical to the moon's surface, marking the start of the 'fine braking phase.'

It was during the fine braking phase of Chandrayaan-2 that the Vikram lander lost control and crashed. At an altitude of 800 metres above the moon's surface, both horizontal and vertical velocities approach zero, causing the Vikram lander to hover above the lunar terrain, surveying the landing area.

The Vikram lander descends further to hover again at 150 metres, capturing images for hazard detection and searching for the optimal landing spot. It eventually touches down on the lunar surface with only two engines firing and its legs are designed to absorb an impact of up to 3 metres per second, roughly 10.8 km per hour.

Upon sensing contact with the lunar surface, the engines will shut down, ending the suspenseful twenty-minute sequence. The lunar dust, or regolith, disturbed during landing, will settle. Subsequently, the ramp opens, and the Pragyaan Rover is released slowly.

Once the Pragyaan Rover touches the lunar surface, it gains freedom to navigate the terrain. A significant moment arrives when the Vikram lander captures images of the rover and the Pragyaan rover takes images of the lander, marking India's first lunar surface selfies.

Both the Vikram lander and rover are solar-powered and designed to operate for one lunar day, equivalent to 14 Earth days.

Concrete barricades laid to curb toll evasion on Expressway

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Many vehicles have exploited the absence of barricades on certain stretches to bypass Toll Plazas, leading to a significant loss in toll revenues.

Currently, the toll rates stand at Rs. 485 for same-day return journeys and Rs. 630 after 24 hours, imposing considerable financial strain on motorists. To circumvent toll payment, drivers heading from Mysuru to Bengaluru opt to divert their route before Gananguru, subsequently rejoining the Expressway via the service road near Thoobinakere.

A similar evasion tactic is employed at Kaniminike, involving a leftward deviation towards the service road near Satya Apartments. For a span of roughly 10 kms, vehicles easily navigate this route before reconnecting with the main road, gaining access to Bengaluru city prior to the NICE Road junction.

In a concerted effort to combat toll evasion, the NHAI is installing cement barriers at critical entry and exit points. This measure aims to effectively close off unauthorised routes, compelling all vehicles to adhere to the stipulated toll payment protocol by passing through designated Toll Plazas.

Barricades from Mysuru side

The installation process for these cement barriers involves use of cranes to position blocks at selected locations. Yesterday, cement blocks were laid near Srirangapatna, specifically on the Mysuru side near Hallimane Restaurant, where entry and exit points exist on both sides of the Expressway.

Similarly, the exit point in Srirangapatna from Mandya side, near Gowripura (Shettihalli), has been securely sealed off, leaving vehicles with no choice but to proceed to the Toll Plaza. By effectively closing off these access points, the NHAI aims to eliminate the viability of toll evasion and ensure that all vehicles contribute to toll revenues.

NHAI sources have pointed out that convenient openings exist near Srirangapatna, Mandya, Maddur, Channapatna, and Ramanagara, allowing entry and exit from the service road parallel to the Expressway. This arrangement has proved advantageous for vehicle users and many have been utilising these points to bypass toll collection.

This practice has resulted in a significant reduction in revenue, with even KSRTC buses taking advantage of these routes to evade toll charges. An officer stated on condition of anonymity, "We are sealing such unauthorised entry and exit points."

When asked about the inconvenience to villagers who usually take these routes, the officer said that villagers have been provided designated entry and exit points and these routes will not be barricaded. However, many commuters who have been using unbarricaded stretches till now were seen arguing with NHAI staff this morning as their convenient routes have been blocked.

Despite Highway ban, two-wheelers sneak through gaps in fences

An additional issue concerning two-wheelers has surfaced on Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway. Despite the prohibition on two-wheelers accessing the Highway since Aug. 1, certain riders have discovered a method to traverse from one side to the other. This practice is facilitated by exploiting service roads to gain unauthorised entry, taking advantage of gaps in between stolen fences on the Expressway, thus violating the ban.

Complicating matters further is the trend of theft targeting the protective fences along the Expressway at various locations. Opportunistic thieves cut these fences and sell the pilfered metal as scrap. The absence of these protective barriers at many spots provide easy access for two-wheelers to enter the Expressway.

In a recent incident, a road user managed to capture a video depicting a two-wheeler rider crossing from one side of the road to the other. This video garnered the attention of the Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Traffic and Road Safety, Alok Kumar, who has assured action.

Release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu

Police prevent farmers from blocking Expressway, take them into custody

Mandya, Aug. 22 (Mohanraj& KS)- Opposing the release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu, over 150 farmers staged a protest in the town and even tried to block the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway this noon. But the Police, who prevented the farmers from entering the Expressway, took the farmers into custody as a precautionary measure.

The farmers, who arrived in bullock carts at Induvalu, tried to enter the Expressway from the bypass road, which was barricaded by the Police. But the farmers, who moved the barricades aside, entered in a wordy duel with the Police and tried to enter the Expressway.

The Police not only prevented the farmers from entering the Expressway but also took them into custody and boarded them into waiting KSRTC buses and took them away from the spot.

Farmer leaders Induvalu Chandrashekar, Ramesh Gowda, Basavaraju and others were present on the occasion.

Meaningful Independence Day celebrations

Motherhood Hospital, Mysuru, celebrated Independence Day in a meaningful manner. Chief guest Naziya Sultana, KAS, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Mysuru District, hoisted the National Flag in the presence of Doctors, Consultants, staff and Facility Director of the Hospital.

Bharath Hospital and Institute of Oncology: The employees and management celebrated Independence Day at the Hospital premises in city with patriotic fervour. Shivaprasad, General Manager, HCG Bharath Hospital and Institute of Oncology, hoisted the national flag.

MIT Mysore celebrated Independence Day meaningfully at the campus. Secretary Dr. T. Vasudev and Principal Dr. B.G. Naresh Kumar unfurled the Tricolour.

The institute also donated a few useful stationeries to 54 children of Belawadi Government School on the occasion. The management of the School felicitated the management of MITM for their noble gesture.

Dr. B. Manju, Head of Chemistry, Dr. C. Ramakrishnegowda, Head of Civil Engineering, A.M. Aniruddha, Administrative Officer, staff and students were present during the celebrations.

Dubai Centre: M.A. Ansari, proprietor of Dubai Centre on Meena Bazar Road, celebrated Independence Day along with his staff and Pourakarmikas at Savoy Chowk in Mandi Mohalla.

The Tricolour was hoisted by a Pourakarmika. Ansari said that they invited Pourakarmikas to hoist the National Flag as it is because of their hard work that the city is kept clean.

Mysore District Chemists and Druggists Association (MDCDA) celebrated Independence Day along with the inmates of Navjeevan Niketan Home for the Destitute. Amanulla Khan, Secretary, MDCDA, Member Javeed, Amir Yousuf, Dilip and others were present.

Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, celebrated Independence Day in a grand manner at the MBCT auditorium on Akkamahadevi Road (Sterling Theatre Road), Vishweshwaranagar. Veteran Colonel Dr. B.R. Raghukumar and freedom fighter Y.C. Revanna were felicitated on the occasion. They are seen with BAI Chairman Nagaraj V. Bairy, Secretary K.S. Balaji, Treasurer Srikanth, Coordinators Ashwatnarayan and C. Gopal.

Helping Hands under its SHIKSHA PROJECT celebrated Independence Day at its adopted Government School at Ittigegud by hoisting the flag.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary of Helping Hands Anand Patwa remembered the sacrifices of great freedom fighters. Students performed cultural programmes.

President of Helping Hands Mahaveer Khabiya, Treasurer Rajan Baghmar, members Prakash Gandhi, Manohar Sankala, Goutham Gandhi, Sunil Patwa, Jambu Lodha, Goutham Patwa, Area Corporator Chaya Devi, Headmistress, teachers and others were present.

City lensmen bag prizes in photography competition

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (BCT)- As part of the 184th World Photography Day celebration, the Mysore Photographic Association Trust had organised a photography competition in several categories.

City photographer G.S. Ravishankar has been awarded the first prize in both the wildlife and pictorial categories. He has also secured consolation prizes in the wildlife and pictorial sections, earning him a total of four awards.

Additionally, M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav, photographer from *Star of Mysore,* has received the consolation prize in the pictorial category.

Among the other winners in the wildlife category are N. Jayasheelarao (second place), S. Arjun (third place), S.N. Raghavendra and S.R. Madhusudhan (consolation prize). In the nature category, N. Jayasheelarao secured the first place, followed by K.G. Siddalingaprasad in second place and Dr. R. Satish in third place. The consolation prize in this category was awarded to Dr. M.G. Satish Kumar, M. Renu Priyadarshini and S.N. Raghavendra.

In the pictorial category, N.G. Sudheer earned the second prize and Naveen Kumar Puttur achieved the third place along with a consolation prize.

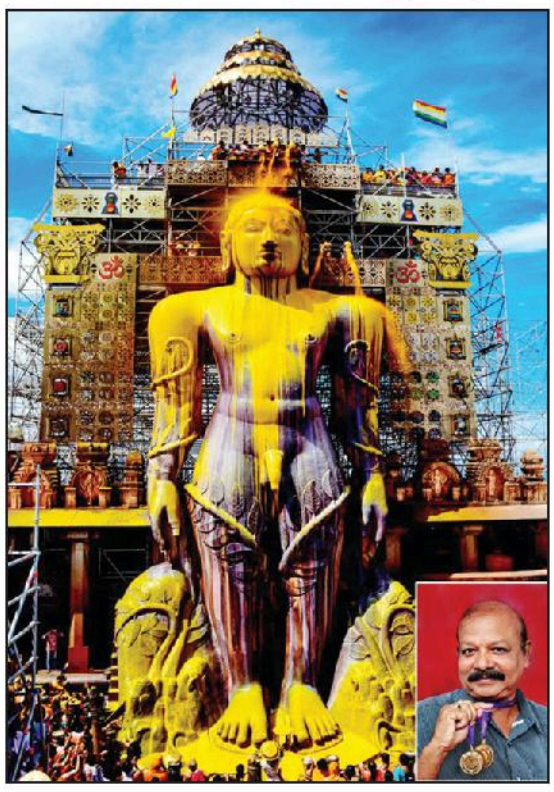
MLA Tanveer Sait is seen distributing prizes to city photographers G.S. Ravishankar (first prize in both the wildlife and pictorial categories), S.R. Madhusudhan (consolation prize in wildlife category) and** Star of Mysore **photographer M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav (consolation prize in the pictorial category), who won prizes in photography competition organised by Mysore Photographic Association Trust as part of the 184th World Photography Day celebration recently. MLCs A.H. Vishwanath and Marithibbegowda, Mysore Photographic Association Trust President Shanthappa, Secretary Sheshadri, Murali and others were present on the occasion.

First prize winning photographs of G.S. Ravishankar.

Consolation prize winning photographs of G.S. Ravishankar.

Consolation prize winning photography of M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav.

Wins gold medals in Intl. Photography contest



The Photography Society of America, an internationally recognised organisation, in association with JSP, Foto Soul and Vibrant Shades organisations, had organised an International Photography Salon (Competition) in the month of May. The competition was held in three stages in different countries. Mysuru's photographer N.G. Sudheer has won two gold medals in two different stages for his photograph of Mahamastakabhisheka in Shravanabelagola.

New RMO for K.R. Hospital

Mysuru, Aug.22- Dr. Nayaz Pasha took charge as the new Resident Medical Officer (RMO) of the city's K.R. Hospital, an attached Hospital of MMC&RI, here yesterday.

He assumed charge from Dr. M.S. Rajesh Kumar, who has been transferred.

Dr. Nayaz Pasha, a Critical Care and Palliative Care Specialist, was serving as the RMO of District Hospital on KRS road for the past three and half years. Now he has been posted as K.R. Hospital RMO, following which he took charge.

Dr. Rajesh Kumar has been promoted and has been asked to report at the Health and Family Welfare Services Directorate at Bengaluru for a new posting, it is learnt.

Dr. Nayaz Pasha** (right), **who took charge as K.R. Hospital RMO yesterday, being greeted by Dr. M.S. Rajesh Kumar.

Subsidy to establish gyms

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (SSM)- The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports has invited applications from eligible medal-winning sportspersons belonging to SC communities who are willing to start gymnasiums, for availing subsidy.

Sportspersons from SC communities, who have taken part in National and International events and won medals may avail the subsidy under Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan.

The subsidy will be given only for sportspersons from Karnataka who have represented the State. They may submit the filled-in forms at the Office of Assistant Director of DYES in Chamundi Vihar Stadium at Nazarbad here before Sept. 6. For details, contact Ph: 0821- 2564179, according to a press release.

WORD OF THE DAY

Bully pulpit

Pronunciation: BULL-ee-PULL-pit.
Meaning: Bully pulpit refers to an important public position that allows a person to express beliefs and opinions to many people.
Origin: Bully pulpit comes from the 26th U.S. President, Theodore Roosevelt, who observed that his time in office at the White House was a bully pulpit when he said, "I suppose my critics will call that preaching, but I have got such a bully pulpit!" For Roosevelt, bully was an adjective meaning "excellent" or "first-rate"—not today's familiar noun bully referring to an abusive meanie. Roosevelt understood the modern Presidency's power of persuasion and recognized that it gave the incumbent the opportunity to exhort, instruct, or inspire. He took full advantage of his bully pulpit, speaking out about the danger of monopolies, the nation's growing role as a world power, and other issues important to him. Since the 1960s, bully pulpit has been used as a term for a public position—especially a political office—that provides one with the opportunity to widely share one's views.
Example: "If you are a politician, you can respond to public protesters in a variety of ways. You can avoid getting too close to them. You can ignore them. You can use your bully pulpit to address their concerns from a position of strength. What you probably should not do is physically tussle with them or taunt them with childish facial gestures." — Yair Rosenberg, The Atlantic, 8 June 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Ballistophobia

Fear of missiles.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Beside oneself

Meaning: The phrase 'Beside oneself' describes a distressed person in an extreme emotional state, brought by a situation that causes one to be out of his wit and senses.
Origin: The first recorded use of the term is in the New testament (Acts 26:24): "Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning makes thee mad." The meaning of 'Beside oneself' in the verse is that Paul's anger has driven him to the point of madness, however nowadays it describes a situation where a person is at an extreme mode of an emotion, such as happiness, sadness, madness or any other emotion.
Example: "I know Daniel saw your girlfriend at the movies last night with another man, but there's no reason to be beside yourself, he's probably her cousin."

QUOTE BOX

The whole secret of a successful life is to find out what is one's destiny to do, and then do it. **— Henry Ford**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

SEGG GEGS
GGES EGSG

Answer: Scrambled eggs.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Male deer
5 Friend or bosom buddy
8 At any time
12 Bamboo stalk
13 Request For Inf.
14 Former monetary unit of Italy
15 WWII group
16 Wine science
18 Outer edge
19 Tall building
20 Lightning Sensor Sys.
21 From (2,2)
23 Tap gently
25 Former Kiwi batsman Nathan ___
27 Besmeared or defiled
31 Happy song
32 Hit sharply
33 Concerning, in legal terms - "rein" anagram? (2,2)
34 Decreed or commanded
36 Russian emperors
37 Outdo or surpass
38 Tax in an old-fashioned way?
39 Literary snippets
42 Heedful or cautious
44 Gumshoe or investigator
47 Lion's share?
49 Volcanic matter
50 Aussie gem
51 Headgear
52 A footfall
53 Very dry
54 Space bar neighbour on the PC keyboard
55 Beastly retreats?

DOWN
1 Wound mark
2 Cab
3 Lively
4 Ground Earth Station
5 Conclusive evidence
6 Western movie "For _ __ Dollars More" (1,3)
7 Formed a queue? (5,2)
8 Former measure of length
9 Old stringed instrument
10 Units of work
11 Beams of light
17 By mouth
19 Digit of the foot
22 Snow and rain
24 Perfect happiness
25 Have _ __ at : essay or attempt? (1,2)
26 Camera type
27 Sorrowful
28 Very agitated (2,1,5)
29 Mistake
30 Desmond's pet name?
32 Exact copy
35 Crowd sound
36 Vietnamese New Year
38 Underground chapel
39 Biblical prophet
40 The back of the neck
41 Slightly open
43 And others, in Latin (2,2)
45 ___ handed : not given to excesses, in a way?
46 Excels or outdoes?
48 Spanish cry of encouragement or cheer
49 Psychedelic drug

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

N	O	S	E	■	I	B	A	■	S	A	G	O
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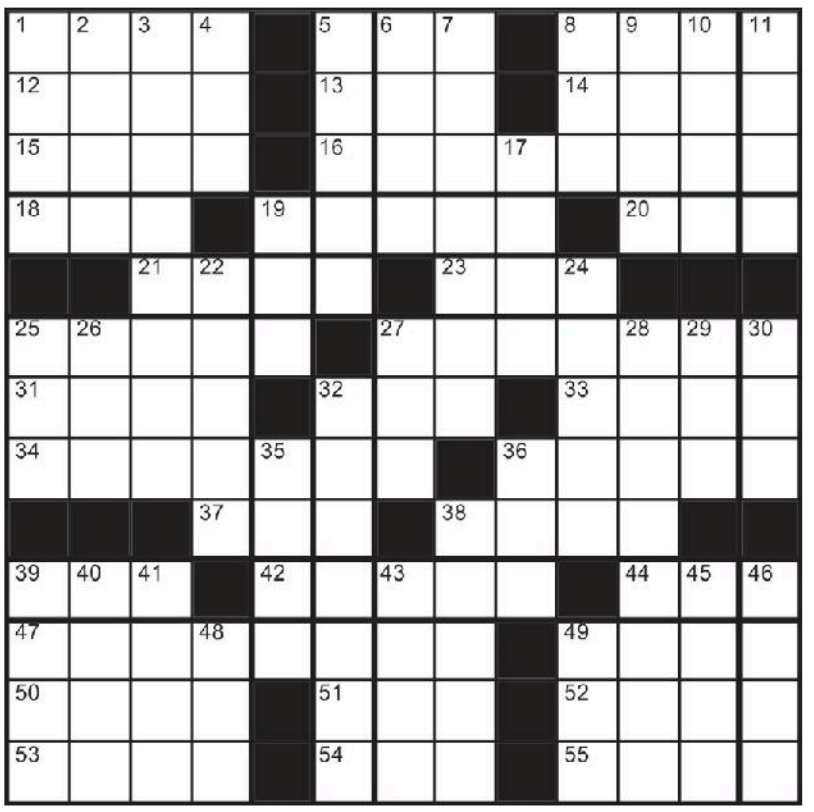

SUDOKU

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		8	4					

Answer to previous puzzle

6	2	3	1	9	7	4	8	5
1	5	4	2	6	8	7	9	3
8	9	7	4	3	5	1	2	6
3	8	6	9	5	4	2	1	7
4	1	5	7	8	2	3	6	9
9	7	2	3	1	6	5	4	8
2	3	9	8	7	1	6	5	4
5	4	8	6	2	3	9	7	1
7	6	1	5	4	9	8	3	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

QROPEI JZPJBZ APE'R EZZA

QROPEI BZFAZOQ.

TODAY'S CLUE: J EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If living conditions don't stop improving in this country, we're going to run out of humble beginnings for our great men.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

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  Namo Bhootatma 2 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Namo Bhootatma 2 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Jailer (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Kshetrapathi (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Gadar 2: The Katha Continues (H) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Ph: 2497199**
  Gadar 2: The Katha Continues (H) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Baby (2023) (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Bhola Shankar (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Jailer (Ta) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	(S-1)	10 am, 10.10 pm; (S-4) 1 pm
Jailer (Ta)	(S-1)	1 pm
	(S-4)	9.50 am, 3.50 pm, 7.05, 10.20
Jailer (K)	(S-2)	12.55 pm
Baang (K)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
OMG 2 (H)	(S-1)	7.10 pm
Ghoomer (H)	(S-2)	10.15 am, 7.25 pm
Gadar 2 (H)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Mister Pragnant (Te)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
Kshethrapathi (K)	(S-3)	10.40 am
Achar & Co (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
Blue Beetal (E)	(S-3)	7.15 pm, 9.55 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Blue Beetle (E)	:	10 am, 1.15 pm, 7.00 pm
Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare (K)	:	10 am, 6.30 pm
Jailer (Ta)		10 am, 3:30 pm
		6.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Jailer (K)	:	11.30 am, 3.45 pm, 9:30 pm
Kshetrapathi (K)	:	12.30 pm
Baang (K)	:	1.00 pm
Gadar 2: The Katha Continues (H)	:	3 pm, 6.15 pm
Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	:	3.30 pm, 9.30 pm

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Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Jailer (Ta)	:	8.10 am, 11.45 am, 3.20 pm 6.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Jailer (K)	:	10 am, 6.20 pm
OMG 2 (H)	:	9.10 am, 11.50 am, 3.10 pm, 10 pm
Blue Beetle (E)	:	10.45 am, 4.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11 am
Gadar 2: The Katha Continues (H)	:	11.30 am, 3.05 pm, 6.40, 10.15 pm
Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	:	12.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Ghoomer (H)	:	1.25 pm, 7.20 pm
Aachar & Co (K)	:	1.30 pm
Baang (K)	:	3.35 pm
Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare (K)	:	4.05 pm
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)	:	6.30 pm
Namo Bhoothathma 2 (K)	:	7.10 pm, 10.10 pm

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Jailer (Ta)	:	8.30 am, 12 noon, 3.15 pm 3.30 pm, 7 pm, 10.30 pm
OMG 2 (H)	:	8.55 am, 9.10 am, 7 pm, 10.10 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.20 am
Gadar 2: The Katha Continues (H)	:	12.05 pm, 3.30 pm 10.20 pm
Kshetrapathi (K)	:	12.15 pm
Blue Beetle (E)	:	12.30 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	:	3.35 pm
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)	:	6.40 pm

International flight operations at KIA to be shifted to Terminal-2 from Sept. 1

Bengaluru, Aug. 22- The operations of all international flights (departure & arrivals) at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) will be shifted from existing Terminal-1 (T-1) to new Terminal-2 (T-2) and the operations from T-2 will commence from Sept. 1, 2023.

A BIAL spokesperson said that starting from September 1, T-2 would be exclusively used for international flight operations. With the shifting of all international flight operations to T-2, the old terminal or T-1 will cater to only domestic operations.

Prior to commencing international operations at the KIA immigration counters, Customs offices, duty-free shops and retail, food and beverage outlets would be setup at T-2. **T-2 is referred to as "Terminal in a Garden" and has been designed as a tribute to the Garden City of Bengaluru.**

EVENTS TODAY (AUGUST 22)

- **Neralu Belaku Gallery:** Painting exhibition by artist R. Praveen, Neralu Belaku Gallery - Coffee City, Ambarish Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **up to 7 pm.**
- **Gruhashobe:** Monsoon Shopping Festival, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts:** Shopping Festival — Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale — Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit:** 'Mane-Manege Shravana Masada Sharana Sandesha,' Lecture on 'Lanchavanchanege Kaiyanada Bhashe' by Prof. D.S. Sadashivamurthy, residence of K.N. Muddappaswamy, No. 100/A, 3rd Main, 3rd Cross, Raghavendranagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Srikrishna Trust Chaturmasya Samiti:** Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji's 36th Chaturmasya Vrata, Bhajans, Bhagavata discourse, Ramayana discourse, **5 pm**; Cultural programme - Classical Music by *Ganakala Bhushana* Vid. R.K. Padmanabha, Srikrishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.** [Mob: 94482-71837 or 99452-30501]
- **Suttur Mutt:** Shravanamasa discourse; Mass prayers, **6 pm;** Retd. Kannada Professor Dr. K. Anantharamu delivers discourse on Lakkanna Dandesha's 'Shivatatva Chintamani,' Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sanatana Sabha, Mysuru:** 'Ramayana' Discourse Series, Discourse on 'Kishkindakanda' by critic Vid. G.N. Bhatta, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple:** 'Swati' Nakshatra - Special Pujas, Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple, Kalidasa Road, **7.30 pm.** [Mob: 93421-88323 or 75988-32271]

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUGUST 23)

- **Neralu Belaku Gallery:** Painting exhibition by artist R. Praveen, Neralu Belaku Gallery - Coffee City, Ambarish Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts:** Shopping Festival — Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale — Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Gruhashobe:** Monsoon Shopping Festival, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **11 am to 9 pm.**
- **Srikrishna Trust Chaturmasya Samiti:** Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji's 36th Chaturmasya Vrata, Bhajans, Bhagavata discourse, Ramayana discourse, **5 pm**; Cultural programme - Classical Dance by Dr. Kishori and Kishora Hampiholi, Srikrishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.** [Mob: 94482-71837 or 99452-30501]
- **Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit:** 'Mane-Manege Shravana Masada Sharana Sandesha,' Lecture on 'Garvadinda Madida Bhakti Dravyada Kedu' by Prof. H.P. Gangadharaswamy, residence of B.N. Nandish, No. 564, Rajarajeshwarinagar, BEML 2nd Stage, **5.30 pm.**
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Jailer (Ta)	(S-4)	10.30 am
	(S-1)	2.50 pm, 6.20 pm
Jailer (K)	(S-1)	11.20 am, 9.50 pm
Gadar 2 - The Katha Continues (H)	(S-3)	9.55 am
	(S-4)	2.00 pm, 6.10 pm
Aachar & Co (K)	(S-3)	7.45 pm
OMG 2 (H)	(S-2)	12.55 pm, 7.15 pm
	(S-4)	9.40 pm
Rockey Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani (H)	(S-3)	1.25 pm
Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Ghoomer (H)	(S-2)	9.55 am (S-3) 10.10 pm
Blue Beetle (E)	(S-3)	4.55 pm (S-2) 10.30 pm
Trailer Screening Show	(S-4)	5.30 pm

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Jailer (Ta)	:	9.15 am, 3.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Jailer (K)	:	10.10 am, 12.35 pm 6:30 pm, 10.30 pm
OMG 2 (H)	:	9.20 am, 4.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Gadar 2: The Katha Continues (H)	:	10.50 am, 3 pm, 10 pm
Ghoomer (H)	:	12.45 pm
Blue Beetle (E)	:	1.40 pm, 7.20 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.20 pm
Baang (K)	:	4.30 pm
Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	:	7.15 pm
Kshetrapathi (K)	:	7:15 pm

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SCHEDULE

Alienated land bearing No. 26, measuring 5 acres situated at Choranahalli Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru taluk, Mysuru and bounded on-East by: Varuna Village boundary, West by: Road, North by : Remaining portion of land Sy. No. 26, South by : Boundary of Sy. No. 27 of Chorna halli Village.

Sd/- **J.M.Aiyanna** - B.Sc., LL.B, Advocate, KAR No. 1635/1995, Office: # 1143/1E, 1st Floor, Chanakya Circle, Geetha Road, Chamarajapuram, Mysuru-570 005. Ph: 0821-4287199/ Mob: 98451 13628
Place : Mysore, Date : 21-08-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public in general that our client Mr. ANANDA S/o. Chalavaraju, is purchasing the Schedule property from Mr. Mohammed Siddique S/o. Late Mr. Khanumaiyan Saheb.

If any person has any kind of Right, Title, interest, objection, claim or Enforceable charge over the schedule Property or to the proposed Sale by them they may lodge their claim / objection with the undersigned within 15 days from the notification with supporting documents, Due failing which my client will take it for granted that there are no claims/charges/objections whatsoever from whomsoever. Any claims / objections received after stipulation period of 15 days will be dated have no claim and the same will be ignored.

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Issued by:
Roshan Hussain
Asadulla Khan
Saifuddin
Advocates, Sadiq-Ul-Ameen Complex, Mahadev Pura Main Road, Udayagiri, Mysore

Sd/- **Asadulla Khan**, B.Sc., LL.B Advocate & Notary, Shop No. 13, Siddiq-ul-Ameen Masjid Complex Mahadevapura Main Road, Udayagiri, Mysore-19

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In Grief : Family members, relatives & friends

OBITUARY

V. GOVINDA
(1937 - 2023)
Retd. Chief Construction Engineer, Mecon & Resident of Saraswathipuram passed away on Monday 21st August 2023 morning at his daughter's house in Bengaluru.
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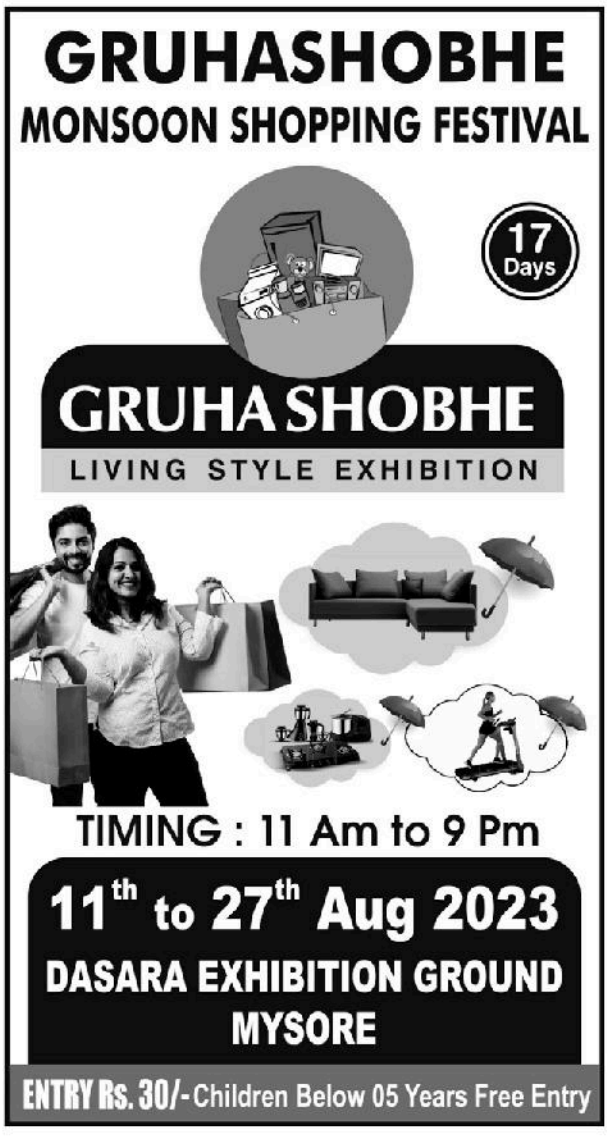

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